

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method of communicating data between a transmitter having a plurality of antennas and at least one remote receiver, the method comprising the steps of:
    - selectively phase shifting data communication signals produced at the transmitter to generate derived versions of channel communication signals, each derived version of the channel communication signals having its desired data communication signal phase shift;
    - transmitting from the transmitter, derived versions of the channel communication signal to each antenna within the plurality of antennas; and
    - providing a distinct delay associated with each derived version of the channel communication signal and its respective antenna.
  2. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving at the transmitter, data communication uplink signals from each remote receiver in communication with the transmitter and estimating a path profile associated with each received uplink signal.
  3. The method according to claim 2 further comprising the step of determining a distinct communication signal delay associated with each communication channel with a plurality of communication channels, wherein each communication channel signal delay is derived from data associated with the respective uplink signal.
  4. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of selectively amplitude scaling data communication signals produced at the transmitter such that each derived version of the channel communication signals will further have a desired channel communication signal amplitude.

5. The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of altering the distinct delay associated with a derived version of the channel communication signal and its respective antenna if and when an estimated path profile associated with the specific channel communication signal changes from a prior estimated path profile.

6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the derived versions of a channel communication signal transmitted to each antenna are associated with a code division multiple access (CDMA) data signal.

7. The method according to claim 1 wherein the derived versions of a channel communication signal transmitted to each antenna are associated with a time division multiple access (TDMA) data signal.

8. A method for communicating data between a transmitter having a plurality of antennas and at least one remote receiver, the method comprising the steps of:  
receiving at the transmitter, data communication uplink signals from each remote receiver in communication with the transmitter and estimating a path profile associated with each received uplink signal;

determining a distinct communication signal delay associated with each communication channel within a plurality of communication channels, wherein each communication channel signal delay is derived from data associated with the respective uplink signal;

transmitting from the transmitter, a communication signal via each communication channel to each antenna within the plurality of antennas;

providing a distinct delay associated with each communication channel and its respective antenna;

measuring channel information between the transmitter and the plurality of antennas, the channel information selected from the group consisting of signal amplitude, signal phase and signal delay;

determining a desired communication signal phase shift associated with each communication channel from the measured channel information; and selectively phase shifting communication signals produced at the transmitter to generate derived versions of channel communication signals, each derived version of the channel communication signals having its desired communication signal phase shift.

9. The method according to claim 8 further comprising the step of altering the distinct delay associated with a channel communication signal and its respective antenna if and when the estimated path profile associated with the specific channel communication signal changes from its prior estimated path profile.

10. The method according to claim 8 wherein the step of receiving at the transmitter, a communication uplink signal from each remote receiver in communication with the transmitter and estimating a path profile associated with each received uplink signal comprises the step of receiving a time division multiple access (TDMA) data signal.

11. The method according to claim 8 wherein the step of receiving at the transmitter, a communication uplink signal from each remote receiver in communication with the transmitter and estimating a path profile associated with each received uplink signal comprises the step of receiving a code division multiple access (CDMA) data signal.

12. A communication system comprising:  
a transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
signal distributing means for coupling communication signals between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
delaying means operatively coupled to the antennas and the signal distributing means for providing a distinct delay in each of the communication

signals coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas; and

channel measuring means operatively coupled to the signal distributing means for providing a derived version of each communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas.

13. The communication system according to claim 12 wherein each communication signal is associated with a code division multiple access (CDMA) data signal.

14. The communication system according to claim 12 wherein each communication signal is associated with a time division multiple access (TDMA) data signal.

15. The communication system according to claim 12 wherein the channel measuring means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is configured to phase shift a communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas.

16. The communication system according to claim 15 wherein the channel measuring means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is further configured to amplitude scale a communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas.

17. The communication system according to claim 12 wherein the channel measuring means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is configured to amplitude scale a communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of space apart antennas.

18. A data communication system comprising:  
a transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
at least one remote receiver in communication with the transmitter;  
means for providing a derived version of each communication signal  
transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
and  
means for providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such  
that a derived version of a communication signal coupled between the transmitter  
and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least  
one remote receiver.
19. The data communication system according to claim 18 wherein the means  
for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated  
with each antenna such that a code division multiple access (CDMA)  
communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced  
apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.
20. The data communication system according to claim 18 wherein the means  
for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated  
with each antenna such that a time division multiple access (TDMA)  
communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced  
apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.
21. The data communication system according to claim 18 wherein the means  
for providing a derived version of each communication signal is configured to  
phase shift a communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the  
plurality of spaced apart antennas.

22. The data communication system according to claim 18 wherein the means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is further configured to amplitude scale a communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas.
23. The data communication system according to claim 18 wherein the means for providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna is configured to alter a distinct delay associated with a channel communication signal and its respective antenna if and when a path profile associated with the specific channel communication signal changes from a prior path profile.
24. A data communication system comprising:  
a transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
means for transmitting from the transmitter, derived versions of a communication signal to each antenna within the plurality of spaced apart antennas; and  
means for providing a distinct delay associated with each derived version of the communication signal and its respective antenna within the plurality of spaced apart antennas.
25. The data communication system according to claim 24 further comprising means for amplitude scaling a communication signal to generate a derived version of the communication signal.
26. The data communication system according to claim 24 further comprising means for phase shifting a communication signal to generate a derived version of the communication signal.
27. The data communication system according to claim 24 further comprising means for scaling and phase shifting a communication signal to generate a derived version of the communication signal.

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- A data communication system comprising:
- a transmitter configured to communicate with at least one remote receiver, the transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas and further having:
- a data processor;
- a data input device in communication with the data processor;
- an algorithmic software directing the data processor; and
- a data storage unit, wherein discrete channel measurement data and discrete communication signal uplink data associated with at least one remote receiver in communication with the transmitter is stored and supplied to the data processor such that the data processor, directed by the algorithmic software, can automatically derive communication signal parameters using algorithmically defined relationships associated with the discrete channel measurement data such that derived communication signals communicated between the transmitter and each respective antenna will be characterized by at least one distinct signal parameter selected from the group consisting of signal phase and signal amplitude; and further wherein the data processor is further directed by the algorithmic software such that it can automatically determine signal path profile parameters using algorithmically defined relationships associated with discrete communication signal uplink data such that a signal communicated between the transmitter and each antenna will be characterized by a distinct signal delay.
29.     The data communication system according to claim 28 further comprising at least one remote receiver.
30.     The data communication system according to claim 29 wherein the at least one remote receiver is configured to demodulate a time division multiple access (TDMA) signal generated by the transmitter.

31. The data communication system according to claim 29 wherein the at least one remote receiver is configured to demodulate a code division multiple access (CDMA) signal generated by the transmitter.

32. A communication system in which system users communicate information signals through a transmitter, the transmitter having an antenna system comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart antennas;

signal distributing means for coupling communication signals between a transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas;

signal deriving means operatively coupled to the signal distributing means for providing communication signal phase parameters associated with communication signals, wherein the phase parameters are determined from channel measurement information associated with the signal distributing means; and

variable delaying means operatively coupled to the plurality of spaced apart antennas and the signal distribution means for providing discrete delays associated with the communication signals and the plurality of spaced apart antennas.

33. The communication system according to claim 32 wherein the variable delaying means comprises:

a data processor;

an algorithmic software directing the data processor; and

a data storage unit, wherein discrete signal uplink data associated with at least one mobile terminal in communication with the transmitter is stored and supplied to the data processor such that the data processor, directed by the algorithmic software, can automatically determine signal path profile parameters using algorithmically defined relationships associated with the discrete signal uplink data such that a signal communicated between the transmitter and each antenna will be characterized by a signal delay distinct to each antenna.

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34. The communication system according to claim 33 wherein the algorithmic software is configured to further direct the data processor such that the data processor can determine new signal path profile parameters to re-characterize the signal delay distinct to each antenna when the discrete signal uplink data received by the transmitter are sufficiently changed to require that a distinct signal delay change by at least one chip from an existing distinct signal delay.
35. The communication system according to claim 32 wherein the communication signals are associated with code division multiple access (CDMA) data.
36. The communication system according to claim 32 wherein the communication signals are associated with time division multiple access (TDMA) data.
37. A method of communicating data between a transmitter having a plurality of antennas and at least one remote receiver, the method comprising the steps of:  
selectively amplitude scaling data communication signals produced at the transmitter to generate derived versions of channel communication signals, each derived version of the channel communication signals having its desired data communication signal amplitude;  
transmitting from the transmitter, derived versions of the channel communication signal to each antenna within the plurality of antennas; and  
providing a distinct delay associated with each derived version of the channel communication signal and its respective antenna.
38. The method according to claim 37 further comprising the step of selectively phase shifting data communication signals produced at the transmitter such that each derived version of the channel communication signals will further have a desired channel communication signal phase shift.

39. The method according to claim 37 further comprising the step of altering the distinct delay associated with a derived version of the channel communication signal and its respective antenna if and when an estimated path profile associated with the specific channel communication signal changes from a prior estimated path profile.

40. The method according to claim 37 wherein the derived versions of a channel communication signal transmitted to each antenna are associated with a code division multiple access (CDMA) data signal.

41. The method according to claim 37 wherein the derived versions of a channel communication signal transmitted to each antenna are associated with a time division multiple access (TDMA) data signal.

42. A data communication system comprising:  
a transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
at least one remote receiver in communication with the transmitter;  
means for providing a derived version of each communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas, wherein the means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is configured to phase shift a communication signal transmitted from the transmitter to the plurality of spaced apart antennas; and  
means for providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a derived version of a communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

43. The data communication system according to claim 42 wherein the means for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a code division multiple access (CDMA) communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

44. The data communication system according to claim 42 wherein the means for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a time division multiple access (TDMA) communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

45. A data communication system comprising:  
a transmitter having a plurality of spaced apart antennas;  
at least one remote receiver in communication with the transmitter;  
means for providing a derived version of each communication signal transmitted from a transmitter channel to the plurality of spaced apart antennas, wherein the means for providing a derived version of each communication signal is configured to amplitude scale a communication signal transmitted from the transmitter to the plurality of spaced apart antennas; and  
means for providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a derived version of a communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

46. The data communication system according to claim 45 wherein the means for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a code division multiple access (CDMA) communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

47. The data communication system according to claim 45 wherein the means for providing a distinct delay is capable of providing a distinct delay associated with each antenna such that a time division multiple access (TDMA) communication signal coupled between the transmitter and the plurality of spaced apart antennas can be demodulated within the at least one remote receiver.

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